

# From the Principal's Desk

January 7, 2016



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## Welcome Back

I trust that all of you enjoyed the time away from school and I pray that you may each receive bountiful blessings over 2016.

It is difficult to believe that the end of the 2nd Quarter is rapidly approaching; January 29th to be exact. Now would be the perfect time for students to be sure they have completed any back work that is due to their teachers. The parent portal will close on Friday, January 22nd and report cards will go home on Friday, February 5th.

A few reminders:

Tuesday, January 12th is yearbook picture day for all clubs and activities. If students are involved in any extra-curricular activities they should come to school in their dress uniform. Uniform pieces for basketball, tennis, running club, etc. should be brought to school.

Friday, January 15th is a no school day as the teachers have a full day of professional development

Monday, January 18th is a no school day for the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

Sunday, January 31st - Friday, February 5th is Catholic Schools Week; the schedule of events will be announced soon.

Our annual Open House for prospective families will be held on Sunday, January 31st from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. If you know of families who are

interested in providing a Catholic education for their children, please let them know.

Re-registration for the 2016/2017 school year will begin next week. Please look for an envelope via your youngest (or only) child with all of the information next week. Families interested in applying for tuition assistance should note that the application process is now handled by SMART Aid (the same company we use for our tuition management). Information with regard to this will be coming home as well but in the meantime, instructions are available on the school website under the *Current Families* tab then under *Tuition Assistance Information*. The deadline for filing is Monday, March 14, 2016 (this includes uploading all supporting financial documentation).

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

*"The future starts today, not tomorrow." - Pope John Paul II*  
*Holy Spirit School Class of 2015*

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## **Important!** **Calendar Change** **Friday, January 22nd - NO SCHOOL**

Please note that Friday, January 22nd Holy Spirit School will be closed.

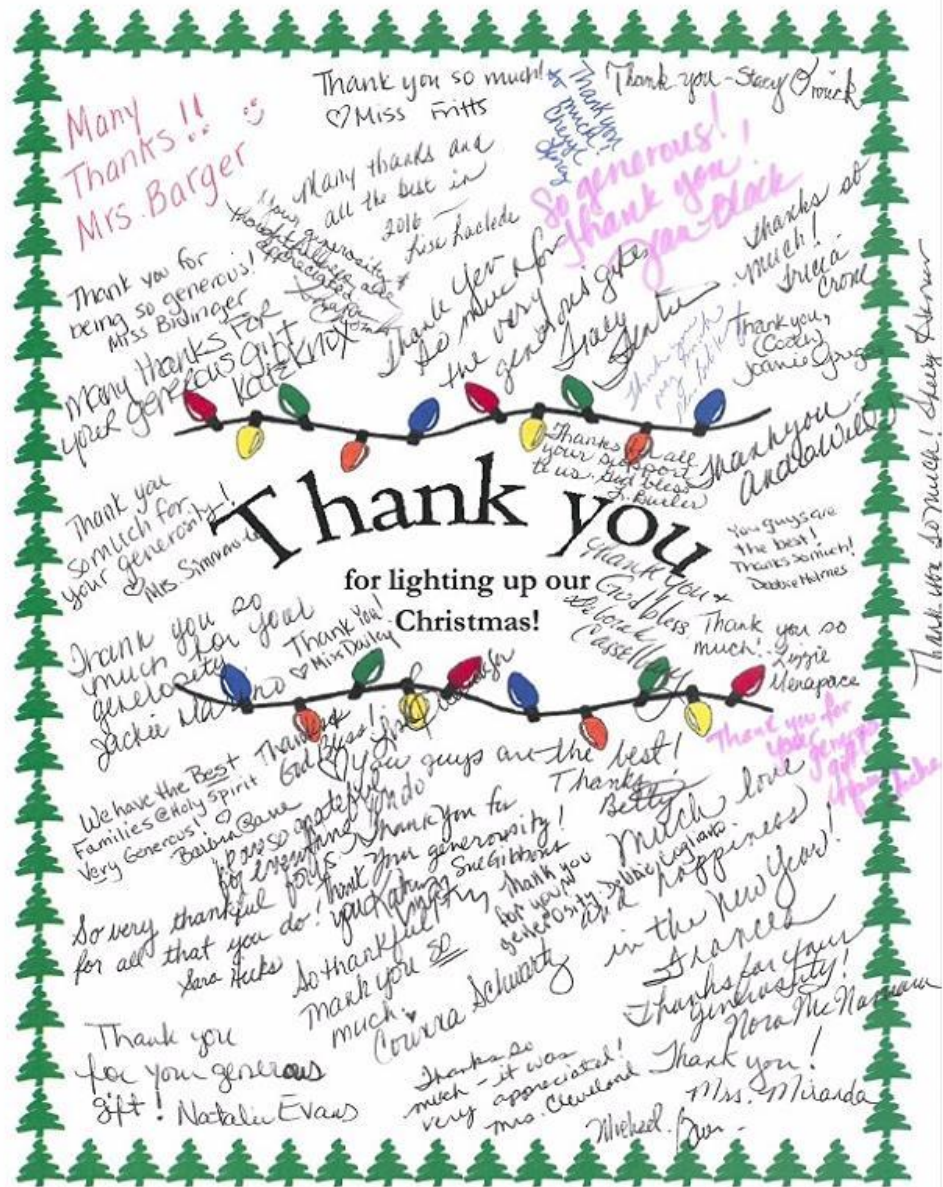
Holy Spirit Parish is hosting multiple large groups from across the country who are coming for the March for Life event. Due to the number of people who will be staying overnight, being fed and generally coming in and out of the building beginning Thursday evening it is felt that it is prudent to close school for our students this day. We have obtained permission from the Office of Catholic Schools for this change to our schedule. This particular change will not have an impact on our end of year closing date.

I would encourage families to attend this event, if possible.

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A heartfelt thank you to all of the Holy Spirit families for all that you do for us not just during the Christmas season but each and every

day.





## "Baby, It's Cold Outside"

Please remember that during the winter months students often stand outside in the mornings during arrival time and the afternoons for dismissal. Additionally we do try and send the students outside for recess as often as possible.

Students should come to school with a coat (not just a sweatshirt) and hats and mittens/gloves.

Thank you for your assistance.

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## Holy Spirit Board Game Club

Attention 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students,  
Come play fun board games with friends and  
Mrs. Franchi and Mrs. Marino!

When: January 28, February 4, February 11, February 25  
Time: 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.  
Where: Room 14

The club will meet on the following Thursdays: January 28, February 4, February 11, and February 25. Students may bring a favorite board game or use the available club board games. Students are encouraged to bring a



healthy snack to eat after school. Please note: Room 14 is a Nut Free zone.

We will only be able to accept 20 students into this club. To sign up please go to: <http://www7.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=boardgameclub>

If you have any questions please contact us by email  
(bfranchi@holyspiritflames.org or jmarino@holyspiritflames.org)

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## 8th Grade Class of 2016

### PVI STUDENT LIFE CLOSE-UP NIGHT January 12 , 2016

Please join PVI students and faculty for pizza and basketball on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. This is a special opportunity to explore all the extra curricular activities available for you at Paul VI Catholic High School. Representatives from our athletic teams, Fine Art's Program and Student Government will be on hand to meet with you and share the PVI experience with you.

6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

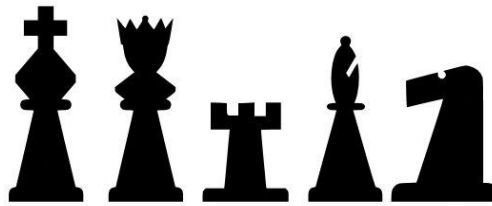
Join PVI teachers, coaches and players from all of our athletic teams and Fine Arts Department for pizza and soda in our cafeteria. You will have ample time to ask questions and learn about the exciting world of PVI athletic teams, intramurals and Fine Arts.

7:00 pm

Join the VI Man and cheer on the varsity boys' basketball in the Panther Activity Center (complimentary game tickets will be available for the students)

Parents and 8th graders should feel free to attend all or part of the evening.

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## Chess Club Winter Session

Sign-ups for the winter session of Chess Club have begun.  
[Please click here for more information.](#)

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## New "Lunch Semester"

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's time to welcome in the second semester of the school year.

The cost for purchasing lunches will remain the same at \$4.50 per day. If you would like to purchase lunches for the semester, the cost is \$350.00 and a check should be submitted with the February menu. Beverages are not included in the meal costs.

All checks should be made out to Holy Spirit School. If you choose to write one check for the entire family please send all menus in with one child. Also, please remember to include your child's first and last name on his/her menu.

If your child forgets his/her lunch at home or in the classroom the cafeteria staff will provide a lunch for them. You will receive a \$4.50 fee for each occurrence.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me  
[schomko@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:schomko@holyspiritflames.org)

Sharon Chomko  
Cafeteria Manager

\*Please find the February lunch calendar in the "Family Folder Flyers" section below.



## Respect for Life Club Coat Drive

The coat drive has been a huge success thus far! We have provided over 200 coats to those in need thus far. Thank you for your generosity!

The drive will continue until February.

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## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "January 7, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [Chess Club - Winter Session Sign-up](#)
2. [February Lunch Calendar](#)

3. [7th & 8th Grades Dance at St. Ambrose School flyer](#)
4. [7th & 8th Grades Dance at St. Ambrose School permission form](#)
5. [Home & School Connection - January 2016](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Parish Bingo and Parish Blood Drive information](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [Arlington Diocese Job Fair flyer](#)
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